Boston University Selects the Internet and Computing Core Certification® (IC3®) program as its Computer Basics Course for One Credit Hour at the Metropolitan College

BOSTON, MA - July 22, 2003. Boston University, the fourth largest private education institution in the United States with students from 140 foreign countries and over 3,000 professors and instructors on staff, announced today that it has created a new course in Computer Fundamentals for its Metropolitan College using the Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC³) authorized curriculum and certification examinations. The course is offered to students for one hour of college credit in the non-degree category.

"IC³ is part of the baseline Internet skills and competencies that have to be in place if the next generation of blended distance learning educational programs - credit and non-credit alike - are to be effective and relevant to the needs of the emerging workforce of the 21st Century" says Stephen H. Lynch, Business Development Manager of the Training Track at Boston University's Corporate Education Center, a unit of the Division of Extended Education. Boston University established the Corporate Education Center in 1986 as part of their commitment to the success of workforce development. The Center's course, titles "Fundamentals of Computers, Windows Applications, and Internet", will be offered each semester as a track of 14, 3-hour sessions. According to Mr. Lynch, "when students complete the course, they will have a thorough understanding of computer technology and terminology, software and hardware components of every day use and be able to make use of computer applications for day to day activities."

Boston University has also established Education Affiliate® partners throughout the country as a distribution network for its program. The IC³ certification is offered through Boston University's Education Affiliate partners as a precursor to higher-end training and certification tracks in its career programs, IT programs, and project management course offerings. "By becoming a Certiport partner, we have enabled the IC³ program content to become part of the Boston University network and have brought it to life in as many venues as possible including, high school student and teacher training, career programs, IT programs, management development, program/process and project management, as well as Master's programs designed specifically for military audiences and our Evergreen program for Seniors to stay part of the Internet revolution as their younger learner counterparts," says Mr. Lynch.

Boston University is qualified, positioned and capable, but more importantly is actively engaged in all facets of learners lives along the way. "Boston University is in the business of lifelong learning from high school to senior education," says Mr. Lynch. "Our motto of 'students for life' means having relevant, compelling offerings at every stage of that life. As one of the world's great academic centers, we are uniquely positioned to deliver solid programs such as IC³ in our curriculum, which continue our trend towards providing programs addressing the needs of both the corporate and educational learner."

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